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FROM USLOK

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: MASS, KU
SUBJ: KUWAIT AIR FORCE (KAF) A-4 AIRCRAFT ACCIDENTS

1. TWO KAF A-4 AIRCRAFT SUFFERED TOTAL DAMAGE IN SEPARATE NIGHT-TIME ACCIDENTS ON 27 AUG 78. BOTH PILOTS SURVIED. INITIAL ACCIDENT HAPPENED AT APPROXIMATELY 2130L. PILOT FLEW AHEAD OF LEADER ON RENDEZVOUS AFTER TAKEOFF AND IMPACTED WITH GROUND DURING ATTEMPTED JOIN-UP. SECOND PILOT WAS INSTRUCTED BY CONTROL TOWER PERSONNEL TO LOCATE SCENE OF INITIAL ACCIDENT AND IMPACTED WITH GROUND WHILE ORBITING INITIAL CRASH SITE AT APPROXIMATELY 2200L. NO REPEAT NO EJECTIONS REPORTED IN EITHER INCIDENT. NO FIRES RESULTED FROM IMPACT IN EITHER CASE. BOTH PILOTS IN GOOD CONDITION.

2. INTERVIEWS WITH BOTH PILOTS AND INITIAL SURVEY OF CRASH SITES RESULT IN PRELIMINARY ASSIGNMENT OF PILOT FACTOR AS PRIMARY CAUSE BY BOTH US ADVISORS AND KAF OFFICERS. ANALYSIS OF OXYGEN AND OTHER ANCILLARY FACTORS IS ONGOING.

3. BASED ON INITIAL KAF REACTION TO PILOT FACTOR MENTIONED
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ABOVE, KAF IS DISINCLINED TO REQUEST USA ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION ASSISTANCE FROM CONUS, BUT WILL SEEK ADVICE OF US MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ADVISORS IN THE CONDUCT OF THE AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS.
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